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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Honolulu board of health fixes period of quarantine against plague at twenty-one days.

[The Pacific Honolulu Advertiser, June 29, 1899.—Transmitted by Surgeon Carmichael.]

At the meeting of the board of health yesterday, June 18, President Cooper reported that the cabin passengers of the *City of Columbia* had been released from quarantine at noon Tuesday. The steerage passengers had been sent to Quarantine Island, where they will remain until a thorough investigation has been made. A general discussion regarding the plague then ensued.

Dr. Day gave the information that according to the last medical report the period of quarantine had been extended to twenty-one days in the Mediterranean ports. The greatest danger of infection is always among the steerage passengers, and medical reports always recognize the fundamental difference between the two classes of passengers.

It was moved and carried that the period of quarantine against the black plague be extended to twenty-one days from the time of arrival of infected ship or leaving of an infected port.

A discussion followed as to whether or not this provision should apply to both cabin and steerage passengers, or only to the latter. It was finally deemed best to retain the present system of quarantining both steerage and cabin.

Arrival at Honolulu of the steamship America Maru, having landed 2 cases of plague at Yokohama.

HONOLULU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, July 13, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the Japanese steamship *America Maru* arrived off this harbor on the morning of July 10. The ship left Yokohama on July 1, where she had been detained in quarantine from June 23 on account of bubonic plague, 2 cases having been removed from the vessel at that port, 1 on the 23d and 1 on the 24th of June.

On arrival here all on board were well, sixteen days from the last exposure to the cases landed at Yokohama. The vessel did not enter the harbor here, but anchored outside the reef, about 1 mile off, as the Hawaiian health authorities would not permit her to dock in the harbor until the twenty-one days recently imposed by them on vessels from the Orient having had plague on board had elapsed.

The Honolulu passengers, cabin and steerage, were landed at the quarantine station here, where they will remain until the twenty-one days from the last exposure at Yokohama have elapsed.

No Honolulu freight has been discharged here, but will be taken on to San Francisco in the vessel. The *America Maru* leaves this afternoon for San Francisco, and I have given her a supplemental bill of health after inspection.

It is rumored here that the *City of Peking*, en route to Honolulu and San Francisco, is now in quarantine at Nagasaki on account of bubonic plague. * * *

Respectfully, yours,

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